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**C**ONTROVERSY about official responsibility for the Cuban fiasco will heighten interest in the forthcoming report by the group headed by Gen. Maxwell Taylor and including Attorney General Kennedy and Director Dulles of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Following the tragic intelligence failure at Pearl Harbor, an organization (OSS) was put together for the war years. In 1947 the CIA was set up by Congress and it has been functioning with more or less success since. One failure was lack of knowledge of Red China's intention to enter the Korean War.

There is an intelligence board presided over by Dulles which meets weekly. It includes intelligence officials from all branches of the military services, the Federal Bureau of

Investigation and others. CIA maintains 20 offices throughout the United States and has taps in every country.

While it is contended that the Cuban situation was correctly analyzed as to Castro's military strength, the expectation of Cuban defections to the invaders was tragically exaggerated. Whether this was the fault of CIA is to be determined.

Needed are skilled intelligence personnel living with people in crisis areas to keep Washington informed what is going on at all times, and evaluation of such information at the highest level. Free nations are at a disadvantage at best in secret operations compared to Communists.

United States intelligence must be made to work. Lack of it has lost empires in the past.

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